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Applicants amendment has not been entered and therefore the claims of record do not recite the word "crosslinked" and therefore it is immaterial that Goetz or Tsuji or Kaneda may possibly not disclose crosslinking. The claims are not limited to any particular method of introducing carboxy functionality and it is therefore immaterial how Goetz introduces carboxyl functionality. Goetz discloses that their block copolymers may contain anhydride or epoxy functionality in paragraph 44. Kaneda '674 discloses glycidyl/epoxy containing thermoplastics at paragraph 20 and 28 and that the block copolymer contains reactive functionality at paragraph 18 and the abstract. With regard to applicants "B" molecular weights, Goetz use UBE nylon (expected to have reactive end functional groups) and such material is disclosed by Fukushi (US 5,855,977) to have a molecular weight of 15000 in column 1, line 42. Note paragraph 426 where Goetz explicitly disclose reaction of their block copolymers and the thermoplastic. Kaneda JP '449 discloses that the polyamides used are "low molecular weight" at paragraphs 97 and 105 a disclosure inconsistent with molecular weights of over 50,000.

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